

New Quay (Cards) Urban District Council.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1948.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	279
Population—Census 1911 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1191
Population—Census 1921 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1253
Population—Census 1931 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1112
Population—Estimated 1946 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	945
Population—Estimated 1947 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	947
Population—Estimated 1948 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1150
Rateable Value ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£3892
Sum represented by a Penny Rate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£16.
				<i>Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	
Live Births {	Legitimate	...	...	12	5	7	} Birth Rate : 11.3.
	Illegitimate	...	...	1	0	1	
				13	5	8	
Still-Births	...	...	...	0	0	0	
Deaths	...	...	...	25	11	14	Death Rate : 21.7.
Deaths of Infants under one year of age—2. Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 births : 154.							

There were no death from Puerperal Causes, Measles, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age), Syphilitic Diseases, Typhoid, Diphtheria, Infantile Paralysis, Cerebro-spinal Fever, Scarlet Fever.

Deaths from Heart Disease ...	10.	Rate—8.7.
Cerebral Haemorrhage ...	4.	Rate—3.5.
Cancer ...	3.	Rate—2.6.
Nephritis ...	2.	Rate—1.7.
Tuberculosis of Lungs ...	2.	Rate—1.7.
Other forms of Tuberculosis	0.	Rate—0.
Pneumonia ...	1.	Rate—0.9.

Out of 25 deaths, 19 were of diseases characteristic of old age and late middle age. Two deaths were from Tuberculosis—a disease of early adult life. There were no deaths from school age diseases. Infantile mortality was represented by two deaths, which with a small number of births usual in the area, gave the enormous infantile mortality of 154.

Infantile Diarrhoea which is often a dirt disease, caused no deaths.

INDUSTRIES : There is one factory—housed in a very well converted building.

The sea-fishing is improving, and the fishermen keener, and have been landing some very fine ground fish, and there is nothing to touch Cardigan Bay Sole and Brill.

New Quay is essentially a sea-side resort, and a paradise for children with its firm sandy beaches, safe bathing and plenty of boating.

SECTION B. GENERAL PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

(i.) PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY :

- One whole-time Medical Officer of Health.
- One Sanitary Inspector, who also acts for the Urban and Rural Districts of Aberayron.
- One whole-time Surveyor.
- One Road-man and one Dust-man, with help when necessary.

(ii.) (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES are made use of when necessary.

(b) AMBULANCE FACILITIES—None.

(c) HOME NURSING : We have one fully qualified District Nurse—but there is no Nurse available for Infectious Diseases.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES : Expectant mothers are visited, examined, and advised by their own Doctors and / or the Nurse.

Venereal Disease Cases are sent to Swansea, if necessary, under the County Scheme.

(e) HOSPITALS : None in the Area.

SECTION C. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. WATER : (i) The supply which is constant, has been most satisfactory in quality and quantity.
 (ii) The supply is piped from an enclosed source at Ffynondewi, and is not treated, and cannot become contaminated. It is analysed bacteriologically, and has always been found excellent.
 (iii) The Water has no plumbo-solvent action.
 (iv) Contamination is not possible.
 (v) A. The majority of house-holders have water piped to their houses.
 B. There are eight pipe stands, and about 20 people draw their supplies from these.
 DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE : The system is working satisfactorily.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS : A few brooks only in the Area, and there is no evidence of pollution.

3. (i) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION :

Number of Closets connected to Sewerage system	...	...	...	...	...	...	405
Number of Closets draining to Cess-pools or Septic Tanks	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Number of Pail Closets and Earth Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Number of conversions from Pail Closets to Water Closets during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of Pail Closets within the range of the Sewers, not connected	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
New Houses completed with Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

- (ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING : The dust-cart goes round twice a week, and oftener if necessary, and collects all household refuse (except night soil) which is dumped into the sea, yet some people dump round the corner or anywhere.

- (iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Number of Inspections of Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Number of Inspections of Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number of Inspections of Retailing Milk Carts	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Number of Inspections of Workshops and Bakelhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of Inspections of Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of Inspections of Retailing Meat Carts	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Number of Inspections of Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number of Houses visited upon Notification of Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number of Houses Disinfected after Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

- NOTICES UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS :

Number of Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of Informal Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Number of Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Number of Statutory Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

- BYELAWS RELATING TO BUILDINGS :
 The following is a summary of plans approved by the Council and of the inspections made by the Inspector during the year.

Number of Plans of New Buildings approved	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of Plans of Additions and Alterations to Buildings approved	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Number of Plans of New Drains and connections to the new Sewerage System approved	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number of Inspections of Dampecourses	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Number of Inspections of Concrete underneath floors	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Number of Inspections of Drains and connections to the new Sewers and of Drain testing carried out	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Number of Inspections on completion	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

- (iv) SHOPS : No action necessary.

- (v) CAMPING SITES :

(1) Number of sites in the Area which were used for Camping purposes during 1948	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(2) Number of sites in respect of which licences have been granted by the Local Authority under Sect. 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(3) The estimated maximum numbers of Campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season 1948	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

- (vi) SMOKE ABATEMENT : No action taken.

- (vii) SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS : None.

- (viii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS : No action necessary.

4. SCHOOL : The Council School is the only one in the area. Water is laid on, and it is connected up with the sewerage system. The children are examined by the Schools Medical Officer, and Reports sent to Parents with instructions to consult their Doctor, if necessary. A new Canteen for mid-day meals was completed during the year.

SECTION D. HOUSING.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR

(a) Total including number given separately under (b)	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
(1) By the Local Authority.	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
(2) By other Local Authorities	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(3) By other bodies or persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b) With State Assistance under the Housing Acts :							
(1) By the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
(a) For the purpose of Part II. of the Act of 1925	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b) For the purpose of Part III. of the Act of 1925	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(c) For other purposes	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(ii) By other bodies or persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

The Council have submitted a Scheme of 25 Post-War Houses to the Welsh Board of Health. Preliminary Works on the preparation of the site have been commenced.

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR :

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for Housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES :

Number of Defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	0
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR :

A.—Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 16 of the Housing Act 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :							
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

B.—Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were remedied after service of formal notices :							
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

C.—Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

D.—Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act 1936 :

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936, PART IV., OVERCROWDING :

Like most small seaside resorts we have always had some overcrowding during the holiday months.

SECTION E. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

a. MILK SUPPLY : Samples of Milk were taken by the County Agricultural Committee under the Milk Testing and Advisory Scheme from the Retailers of Milk and forwarded for Bacteriological Examination. The farms producing Class C samples have been visited by the Dairy Instructress of the County Agricultural Committee and Demonstrations and advice given on the improved methods of Clean Milk Production.

b. FOOD INSPECTION. No food was condemned.

c. ADULTERATION, etc. : No action necessary.

d. CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD : None necessary.

e. NUTRITION : The County M.O.H., who knows all about it, has been giving lectures.

f. SHELL-FISH (MOLLUSCAN) : Very scarce.

SECTION F. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

1. No cases of any sort were notified.

Most of the children have been immunized against Diphtheria.

Immunization against any other disease not practised.

2. TUBERCULOSIS : Notified—None. Deaths—Two.

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